

SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008; 2:00 P.M.
NEW WINDSOR TOWN HALL
NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Green, Councilwoman Mullarkey, Councilwoman Weyant, Councilwoman Biasotti, Councilman Lundstrom

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Town Attorney Blythe

Supervisor Green stated that this is not a regular Town Board meeting, the Town Board is sitting today as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) for the Base Reuse Plan which is a part of the Base Closure and Realignment Act.

A presentation was given by Fred Doneit and Kristen O'Donnell representing Stuart Turner and Associates.

Fred Doneit said that this was the first meeting of the LRA for 2008 and today he was going to give a brief history of the project. The BRAC process was designed to assist in the transference of federal surplus property to the community for civilian reuse. Assisting with development of the Reuse Plan are Coppola Associates, the architect who will be assessing structural components and interior configuration of the buildings and Bowie Urban Planners from Sarasota, Florida who are specialists in military base reuse work. In 2006 the Department of Defense declared the availability of federal property as surplus with the intent to transfer the property to the Town of New Windsor. As required, the Town Board as the LRA, advertised the availability of surplus federal property. No responses were received.

In July 2006 the size of the property available increased to two parcels. The Base Reuse Plan is for these two parcels of approximately 16.1 acres which contain five buildings currently standing on them, including the US Army Reserve Center building. Stuart Turner and Associates is going to recommend that the Town relocate the Police Department and Highway Department to the southern parcel. The Regional Training Center will eventually also be moved from its current location which is leased from First Columbia. Included as part of the Plan is a Homeless Assistance Outreach, a Community Needs Analysis and a Facilities Analysis. Some of the items being studied are both the buildings and supporting structures, including materials, finishes, water, sewer and electric utility systems, the roads surrounding the parcels as well as parking. Also being evaluated are federal and state regulations, runway safety protections and cost of expected improvements.

The Draft Reuse Plan, will eventually be incorporated into the Town's Comprehensive Plan and is in the process of being finalized now and will be presented to the Town Board by the end of this month. Stuart Turner and Associates want the Town to be able to acquire the two parcels for a token payment. On February 6, at a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting, the Draft Reuse Plan will be presented to the public by the Town Board, acting as the LRA. On March 5, the Town Board (LRA) will hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Reuse Plan, and on March 31, the Town Board (LRA) will submit the Final Reuse Plan to the Department of Defense.

Mr. Doneit then closed his presentation and Supervisor Green asked if anyone on the Board had any comments to make. Councilman Lundstrom asked if Mr. Doneit could point out some landmarks on his map so the audience could have some idea of exactly where these two parcels are located.

Jean Antonelli asked if the parcels would have to be purchased or would be donated. Supervisor Green said this was not resolved, the Department of Defense has not reviewed the Plan yet.

Leo Braun asked where the Free Trade Zone was located and Supervisor Green said it was not on our property and it has nothing to do with BRAC.

Barney Bedetti asked how much of the sixteen acres would be leftover after the Police and Highway Departments moved out there. Supervisor Green said that no land would be left over from their relocation.

Diane Newlander asked if cost projections would be available at the February 6th presentation and Fred Denoit said that they would be included in the Plan presented to

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008; 7:00 P.M.**

the board and the public. She also wanted to know if the county was going to be using any of the buildings and if so, would they share in the cost. Supervisor Green said that this had nothing to do with the county.

Jean Antonelli said she just wanted to clarify that there would be no leftover land after the Police Department and Highway Department relocated to Stewart Airport and Supervisor Green said no land would be left over, but hopefully the Buildings and Grounds Department could use a building and some of our large equipment, especially the Dial a Buses could be stored there in the winter. The land is too close to the runway to be used for development. Mrs. Antonelli also asked what the plans were for the current Highway Department location. Supervisor Green said that the land could possibly be sold for commercial use sometime in the future.

Hearing no one else wishing to comment, Supervisor Green adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH GREEN
TOWN CLERK

/clc